

1 Remarks

2 Election of Single Disclosed Invention

3 A restriction requirement has been imposed upon the Applicants under 35  
4 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has asserted that the Application is drawn to four distinct  
5 species (i.e., "inventions", as referred to by the Examiner), I through IV, respectively  
6 corresponding to: claims 1-13 (Invention I); claims 14-31 (Invention II); claims 32-36  
7 (Invention III); and claims 37-40 (Invention IV) (Page 2 of Office action). Accordingly,  
8 the Applicants are required to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits  
9 (Page 4 of Office action).

10 In response, the Applicants hereby elect Invention "I", corresponding to claims  
11 1-13, and assert that those claims are hereby elected for prosecution under 35  
12 U.S.C. 121.

13 Claims 14-40 are hereby withdrawn, without prejudice.

14 This election is being made without traverse.

15 The Applicant believes that the election of a single invention, as set forth  
16 herein above, constitutes a full and complete response to the Office action.

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